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NOTE AND COMMENT

As this edition of the Saturday News is being prepared the opening ceremonies of the fourth and last session of the first Legislature of Alberta are in progress. The sessions that have gone before were full of fruitful activity, and there is every reason to believe that that now before the members will be fully in keeping with the excellent record already established. Just when an appeal will be made to the electors is as yet purely a matter of conjecture, but to all intents and purposes the campaign will start just as the House rises, whether the date of polling be near or distant. The redistribution of seats that is in prospect will bring about a considerable increase in the number of seats. The growth of Alberta since 1905 has been such that some members have altogether too large a population to look after the interests of. A legislature of forty or more strong may seem, at first thought, too large for a province like this, but when the character of the duties of the members are considered, covering as they do in a large measure those of a county councillor in the older parts of the Dominion, it will be granted that it is a hardship to require a man to be responsible for an extensive stretch of territory. As an example of how over-worked a member may become when an arrangement of seats is of more than years' standing, we may take the case of Mr. James B. Holden. When his constituency, Vermilion, was set aside, the C.N.R. had just put in an appearance in the country included in the riding. A large population soon became tributary to that railway and since then the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Edmonton-Winnipeg branch of the C.P.R. have both entered the territory for which Mr. Holden is responsible, and a large urban as well as rural settlement occurred along both lines.

While the details of the measure are as yet guess work, it is assumed that Edmonton and Calgary will each be given two members, which, in view of the great strides they have made, is only fair.

But one change in the personnel of the House has occurred. Mr. W. E. Simmons of Lethbridge resigned to be a candidate in the Dominion elections and in his place Mr. Donald McNab of Taber has been chosen as a labor representative, the first to make his appearance in the politics of the province. Neither of the old parties opposed him. He bears an excellent reputation as a thoughtful, earnest man and should do the cause for which he stands much credit.

At the Liberal convention held in Lethbridge, to consider the question of putting a candidate in the field, the unanimous nomination was tendered to Mr. W. A. Buchanan, editor of the Lethbridge Herald, who was, however, forced for business reasons to decline it. Many friends of Mr. Buchanan in all parts of the province will congratulate him on this evidence of the confidence which his fellow-citizens repose in him. That he will yet come to the front in public life may be taken as a certainty.

During the past week an influential deputation of employers waited on the provincial government and urged the repeal or the amendment of the Workmen's Compensation Act, which was so prominent a feature of last year's session. As the main objections to the Act were those which were brought forward when it first came before the House, it is not surprising that the delegation received little encouragement. It was contended that the insurance companies were not prepared to give the employers the amount of insurance which they required to avoid the financial loss to which the Act subjected them. The attorney-general immediately intimated that if, on investigation,

this proved to be the case, the government would take steps to provide the necessary insurance facilities. This it was bound to do, as in introducing the Act it had maintained that its effect would simply be to require the employers to insure their men and that the expense of this could be made a charge on the business, which the consumer would ultimately have to bear. It would be manifestly unfair to make the employer stand the risk of being put out of business by an accident.

With the general principle of the enactment the Saturday News has on several occasions expressed its entire agreement and it sees no reason for altering its opinion. While the readjustment is being made, the employers may be put to some temporary inconvenience, and even loss, just as practically every radical change in the public interests requires some one should suffer, but the idea is a sound one and when the change is brought fully into effect, everyone concerned will be the better for it.

The charge that it is being made

to carry favor with the labor vote does those who prefer it no credit. The problem is one that should be argued purely on its merits and it is always a sign of weakness, when instead of combatting what is urged in favor of a proposal, the motives of those who introduce it are impugned. Briefly stated, the act makes an industry bear the risk which those engaged in it have to run. Nearly every accident is the result, not of anyone's carelessness, but of the general conditions under which the enterprise is carried on and it is simple justice that the man with the capital should afford protection to those in his employ. He will shift the cost of liability insurance to the consumer just as he does that of fire insurance, but the initial responsibility must be placed upon him. There is no enactment that the legislature, now entering on the last stage of its work, is entitled to more credit for.

At one of the meetings, which he has held during the past week in various parts of the city, for the purpose of giving an account of his stewardship to the electors, Hon.

Mr. Cross, Edmonton's representative in the House, declared that the coal mine operators, who have been the principal critics of this legislation, would have to advance the price of coal only 3 1/2 cents per ton to cover the cost of this insurance. Has the consumer any right to object to an extra tax of this amount, if it is the means of protecting the man who undertakes work such as coal-mining, from the risk of disablement and those dependent on him from being reduced to want? The issue is one on which the government need have no fear of appealing to electors, no matter whether they belong to the wage-earning class or not.

There is no better journalistic work done in Canada than the editing of the commercial department of the Winnipeg Free Press. The field is not one that you would naturally expect a woman to make a success of, yet Miss E. Cora Hind, has in this department made for herself a reputation that any member of the profession may well envy. The accuracy of her crop forecasts, which she has based on minute

investigations, made by herself and a thoroughly competent staff of subordinates, has proven to be such that the announcement of her figures has each year come to be an event in the grain trade. In 1907 they had the immediate effect of sending the price of wheat up nearly two cents. When the commercial editor of the Free Press, therefore, tells us that the year past has been an exceptionally good one for Western Canada, and supports her statement by a page or more of figures, as she did last Tuesday, it is well worth our taking notice. While in some part it is true that the early frost destroyed the hope of the exceptionally bountiful harvest, which seemed up to that time to be assured, Miss Hind leaves us in no doubt that, viewing the country as a whole, the record is one that should create a decidedly buoyant feeling.

"All kinds of past records," she concludes, "have been beaten, prices for all the products of the farm have been high enough to be profitable and in the matter of wheat, the great staple of the west, the prices have been phenomenally high, while the crop has yielded much better than the expectations of the most

The Officers of the Alberta Farmers' Association

Which held the most largely attended convention in its history in Edmonton this week. The Canadian Society of Equity met in the city at the same time and the two bodies decided to unite in one organization to be known as the United Farmers of Alberta



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sanguine led them to hope after the hot winds of July and the frosts in August. It has been a grand year, one that a country three times the age of the Canadian west might be proud to record."

In August the Free Press put the wheat crop at 102,000,000 bushels. On Dec. 31st, 89,071,350 bushels had been accounted for by the inspection and milling figures, by the amount in store, and by the allowance for seed. Thus left 12,928,650 bushels still to be marketed in order to bring the total up to the August estimate, which the Free Press is satisfied will be fully realized.

The comparison with other years is very striking. From Sept. to Dec. 31st, 1908, there were 68,683,350 bushels of all kinds of grain inspected at Winnipeg. In 1907 the amount was 40,051,150, in 1906, 40,032,010, and in 1905, 426,750,000.

It is evident that the grain did not average as high a grade in 1908 as in 1906 and 1905. More than half the wheat went two northern and three northern, 24,101 cars out of the total of 47,882 inspected to Dec. 31st. But 10,073 cars went No. 1 northern and better, as compared with 16,126 cars out of 31,461 in 1906 and 21,205 cars out of 36,786 in 1905. The quality of the grain in the latter year was, as will be remembered, magnificent. But so far as the total output goes and the price obtained, 1908 outstripped all its predecessors by a long distance.

The money return of the season's operations on the farm, so far as yet accounted for, is summarized by the Free Press as follows:

Value of wheat inspected to Dec. 31 was \$50,356,351.89.
Value of oats inspected to Dec. 31 was \$1,168,125.00.
Value of barley inspected to Dec. 31 was \$1,324,470.00.
Value of flax inspected to Dec. 31 was \$1,637,440.00.
Value of potatoes inspected to Dec. 31 was \$3,389,164.00.
Value of turnips and other roots, \$706,482.00.
Value of hay and clovers, \$1,571,417.00.
Value of sugar beets, \$208,000.00.
Export cattle, \$4,279,115.00.
Butchers' cattle, \$2,966,483.79.
Hogs, \$1,686,337.48.
Sheep, \$129,629.43.
Dairy products, \$1,650,851.50.
Total, \$73,983,867.09.

No wonder, with these figures, that we hear of returning trade confidence and that all are looking forward to 1909 as a year of prosperity. The experience through which the country has passed during the last year and a-half will leave an excellent effect in the long run. Business now rests on a much more satisfactory basis than it has for a long while past. The way the west has stood the period of stress has done wonders in strengthening general confidence in its future.

For over a year the figures given out by the Department of Finance at Ottawa have reflected the condition of the Dominion. For the months of the present fiscal year the total revenue has been \$62,298,581, a decrease of \$11,457,375 as compared with the corresponding period of 1907. If this had kept up, Mr. Fielding would have soon had a most disagreeable task on his hands. As it is, his budget at the coming session will be a different kind of affair from that with which he has delighted the House in the twelve wonderful years that the duty of presenting an account of the country's finances has fallen to his lot. But it looks as if the tide had turned. The revenue of the Dominion for December, according to the receipts entered on the books of the finance department up to the last day of the month, was the largest in the history of the Dominion for the last month of the year, totalling \$7,183,355, an increase of \$79,825 over December, 1907. We could have no surer indication of the change in the business outlook.

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I knew that jingle about "snowy
blossoms, blustering, blustering"
Medicine Hat would lead to some-
thing serious in the city, blessed by
nature and Kipling. The editor of the
Medicine Hat News is ordinarily
a man of unusually gentle bearing.
His editorials are striking examples
of cool, collected reasoning. No
breath of passion has heretofore
passed over his page which he is
the presiding genius. Even the
cruel jokes of the Calgary Albertan
have failed to rattle him. His lan-
guage is drawn from the purest well
of English undefiled. Yet read this
leader in his last week's issue:

"The News offers three prizes for
the best poetic contribution on the
subject of Medicine Hat weather.
The competition will be confined
strictly to residents of United States
cities. Already several poets are in
training for the event, and some
very bright (?) things are coming
forward. Only effusive spring
poets and damped uniformed
contributors to the Medicine Hat
weather theme are eligible to get
places among the prize winners.
Entries close on April 1st. The
decision will be made by the local
weather man. The first prize will
be a handsomely mounted and
framed photograph of the bucking
and rearing cowboy which took place
on the Medicine Hat Athletic grounds
on December 24th in the presence
of several hundred spectators, and
was repeated on the 25th. The
second prize will be a framed photo-
graph of a baseball match played in
Medicine Hat in shirt sleeves on a
Christmas Day. The third prize
will be a photograph of a bunch of
ripe tomatoes picked from the vines
on Christmas Day in Medicine Hat."
"Get in now, ye boughsome malig-
nancy of a fair and beautiful climate;
get in and see who can make the
most consummate ass of himself
(viewed from the Medicine Hat
standpoint.)"

That ought to settle the trouble
all right. But at what a cost to the
News man's reputation!

You will remember my old friend,
Mr. Foster, he who declares half
the people of the continent into
thinking that he knows what the
weather's going to be like for
second prize will be a framed photo-
graph of a bunch of ripe tomatoes
picked from the vines on Christmas
Day in Medicine Hat.

"A warm wave will follow the
entrance of the New Year. The tem-
perature rising forty degrees from
January 2 to 8. A cold period will
follow this, the temperature falling
fifty degrees in ten days."

As so many of my acquaintances
have frequently remarked, it is won-
derful how this twentieth-century
wizard does strike it.

Of course we do not need to
bother about the telephone "con-
tral" girls in an up-to-date city like
Edmonton, but there's a little place
across the ocean called London where
they are still under the domination
of these deities, that in the days of
old caused much profanity and burst-
ing of blood vessels in this part of
the world. Recently the London
telephone authorities issued "an
official code of polite phrases" for
use on the part of subscribers. This
reads: "Touchstone" in the Daily
Mail to flush off these verses:

Muchan (I fear I do not know your
name).

I trust you will not think me
overbold.

I am aware that I possess no claim
Upon your kindness, but I have
been told

That your sweet sympathy with those
who plead

Is evermore apportioned to their
need.

So, greatly daring, I have swept aside
Conventions to which you and I are
used.
I never speak to those it is my
privilege to address.

To whom I am as yet uninitiated.
I learned my manners in the strictest
school.
And this exception only proves the
rule.

But (you may say) I have not seen
your face.
Too true, alas! but there the loss
is mine.

And should not, therefore, prejudice
my case.
If you could only know how much
I pine

For this small favor, that I hope to
gain
What is it? Well, I'm trying to
explain!

Forgive my lame and halting words,
for I
(Yes, yes! I'm coming to it very
soon).

Am reckoned by my friends ex-
tremely shy.
Yet I have dared to ask this price
less than!

Yea, here I beg it on my bended
knees.
Give me, sweet maid six thousand
Haliborn please!

"Calgary and Edmonton are situated
about two hundred miles apart
as the crow flies," so the Calgary
News informs us. Such a general
statement is not strictly accurate.
Students of outdoor life inform us
that they have observed a peculi-
arity in the flight of all winged
creatures in these parts. When a
crow is bound from Edmonton to
Calgary, they notice that he takes his
time in making the trip and indulges
in numerous side-excursions, so
that when his course is turned to-
wards Edmonton, he invariably
makes a bee-line for that city.

Tom Longboat, Johnny Hayes and
Dorando are expected to race in
Vancouver in the course of a few
months. Now watch Frank Walker
get after them for the 24th of May
sports at Fort Saskatchewan.

A man was buying a tie a few
days before Christmas, and carefully
laid aside one or two as not worthy
of further consideration. The sales-
man picked out one of the rejects
and placed it in a separate box,
which prompted the buyer to ask
if it had been placed with those
he was looking at by mistake.

"Oh, no," was the response, "but
we have orders when five or six
men turn down a tie as they look
over a box to take it out and put
it aside."

"Then what becomes of it?"
"We sell them to women who come
in here to buy ties for men."

A telegram from Munich gives
details of what is described as "the
first catastrophe of its kind on re-
cord," which should serve as an
awful warning of the collapse in a
busy street of a lady of fashion as a
consequence of the heaviness of her
hat.

Under the weight of a gorgeous
creation nearly 3 ft. in diameter, the
lady, the telegram says, sank help-
lessly to the pavement, and only
recovered from her swoon after
being carried to a shop and relieved
of her headgear.

During the recent American elec-
tion campaign this story did service
on a good many occasions. There
was a meeting in a country school-
house, and after the speeches a lead-
ing German was called on for a
few remarks. He said:

"Fellow citizens: We haf' hert d'
chin music, yes! Und d' time has
now come ven we must all git to
goddler and under, dat vich we haf
not hit. All git together and roll
up such a Democratic majority in
Burks county that it vill roll and
roll, und it vill roll all over Burks
county, all over d' state of Pennsyl-
vania, all over the United States,
vill roll across d' ocean and vill roll
up to Queen Victoria vere she is
sitting on her throne, and she vill
say: 'Good gracious! vut a Demo-
cratic majority Burks county did
roll up.'"

Col. White: I understand that
your congregation is in a fair way
to get the church debt paid off
soon?

Parson Bugster: Yessah, 'Cuhnet'
Yessah, 'blessed to yeh, sah, for
askin'. De Lawd sholy do 'pear to
be wid us in our financials, dese
days, mo' especially since we done
engaged a one-armed man to take
up d' election. Dat's an idee, sah,
dat our new converted brudder,
Mistah Jack Pullyam, the reformed
gamblin' man, put us up to. He
true 'tis, as de Totsel says, dat de
child'en o' darkness an' wiser dan
de child'en o' light! Hadn't been
for brudder Jack we never woud-
uh thought o' d' dat scheme in de livin'
world!—Puck.

LOUNGER

Josiah Quincy, the prominent
Boston politician, was walking near
the city hall, when he heard an Irish
laborer accost another thus:

"That's Josiah Quincy?"
"An' who's Josiah Quincy?" the
other asked.

"I never see such ignorance,"
rejoined the first. "He's the grand-
son of the statute you see in the
yard"—Lippincott.

The C.P.R. Lowers its Rate West

The agitation commenced over two years
ago by the A.F.A. now bearing fruit. Is
the Manitoba Grain Act an obstacle to the
Western Trade?

The question of obtaining an
outlet for Alberta grain by way of
the Pacific, which was so forcibly
presented by "Spittah" in the issue
of the Saturday News of Jan. 2, con-
tinues to arouse the keenest interest
among both the farmers and the
business men of the province. As
"Spittah" pointed out, the latter
are now just awakening to the im-
portance of the question, which the
Alberta Farmers' Association over
two years ago strongly empha-
sized.

As "Spittah" pointed out, there
are many things which stand in the
way of the growth of this trade. In
some quarters it is contended that
the Manitoba Grain Act is an ob-
stacle. Some of those who have
engaged in this western trade during
the past year are expressing them-
selves very strongly in regards to a
recent ruling of Mr. Castle's that
the provisions of the Grain Act
apply to western as well as eastern
shipments.

"Alberta, located as it is," they
say in effect, "should be and must
be absolutely independent from
Winnipeg and Fort William markets
as Washington and Oregon in the
States are independent from Min-
neapolis, Duluth and Chicago
markets. There is nothing in com-
mon between the two sections of
Canada. Just as long as these two
sections are tied up under the same
laws, just so long will Manitoba and
Saskatchewan be the gainers and the
Province of Alberta the losers. Our
markets must be established on a
basis that will allow shippers to pay
the farmer for grain at the elevators
and on track more than he can
receive for his grain by shipping to
Fort William. The Province of
Alberta is raising the finest hard
winter wheat that is grown in any
section of the American continent
and, at present time, this Red
Winter wheat is placed on the
market through sources which, if
not actually hostile to the winter
wheat interests, certainly have no
particular interest in this variety of
wheat. In other words, Fort Wil-
liam and Winnipeg markets have
been built up for twenty years on a
hard spring wheat basis, and there
is no one in Fort William or Win-
nipeg willing to give hard winter
wheat the special attention that it
requires. We need our markets
here. We must have our own
markets here and we must have
them established in such a way that
the exporters and millers of hard
winter wheat will come to Calgary,
Edmonton and Vancouver for these
varieties."

At present the Alberta farmer is
handicapped by having to pay from
five to ten cents per bushel more in
freight than those of Manitoba and
Saskatchewan. If he could get
a market by way of Vancouver, he
should be able to get a price at local
stations equal to that paid in the
provinces to the east. If large
storage elevators were erected at
Vancouver, so that all kinds of grain
might be received at that point, the
same as at present in Fort William,
there would be no difficulty in mak-
ing shipments west after the same
fashion as they are now made to the
east. But in the absence of these
elevators, it is claimed that the
Manitoba Grain Act is a serious
obstacle. Under Mr. Castle's ruling
shipment can only be made in car
lots and this, with the absence of
terminal facilities, so those who
have raised the question say, is not
feasible.

The Homestead has simply stated
the points as they are being raised.
If the Manitoba Grain Act, under
the present conditions of the western
grain trade, is operating against its
expansion, some action should be
taken. The question is one that
might very profitably be debated
by the grain-growing interests.

C.P.R. LOWERS RATE.

In connection with this question
the following despatches are of
decided interest:

"Winnipeg, Jan. 8.—In future the
Canadian Pacific railway will ship as
much grain to the world through
the Pacific coast as they can possibly
manage, and in order to make this
more possible the company has
inaugurated a new rate on grain of
22 1/2 cents per hundred pounds
from all points in Alberta. The

new rate became effective two days
ago, and since then a steady move-
ment has been noticed. The com-
pany expects to haul a large quantity
of grain through Vancouver from
now on, as this route of transpor-
tation means a saving of much time
and money, when the grain is being
shipped to the Philippine Islands,
Mexico, and European ports. For-
merly all this grain went to its des-
tination by the eastern points.

FIRST SHIPMENT TO EUROPE.

Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 8. When
the French steamer Corse, of the
Chargeurs-Reunis line, leaves port

early next week, she will carry
5,000 sacks of flour, each of 140
pounds, consigned to a Liverpool
firm. On the next steamer of the
same line, 6,000 bushels of Alberta
red winter wheat are already des-
tined for shipment. The Vancouver
Milling and Grain Company is mak-
ing the shipments from Calgary,
these being the first directly via
this port to Europe. This move is
fraught with great importance, in
view of the energetic campaign
under way toward securing steady
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Now that the mercury has risen and proximity to steam radiators has ceased to be a non-nutritive theatrical offering, are making us for last time, the Summers Stock Company at the Edmonton Opera House doing particularly first-class work. "The Texas Steers" on Monday and Tuesday evenings was a most creditable performance. Mr. Summers as "Mauverick Brander" made a distinct hit as the cattle king and the part of Hossie Brander, his daughter, was more than ably presented by Miss May Lyric. The Texan atmosphere of the presentation was fully sustained throughout the play; the picturesque cowboys, the Texas brand of politician, the joy of exploding fire-arms are all presented in a manner that is a true essence of western comedy.

On Wednesday evening "The Wolf" and "Thursday" "The Tiger's Eye" both drew well pleased audiences. The vaudeville features between the acts were characterized by some clever work, and particular mention should be made of the "Three Hylands" and Mr. Lloyd Neale.

At the Dominion Theatre on Saturday evening the Allen Stock Company gave an excellent presentation of that western comedy drama "My Lady Nell." As a play this is free from questionable psychological problems and was very well presented. Miss Felton was the consistent actress throughout and she was particularly effective in the part of Nell, the heroine of the camp. Her work deserves special mention for she has that rare ability, the power to be rather than act, a part. Mrs. Clara L. Allen and Mr. G. L. Watling also were good and Mr. Irving Kennedy as Lord Stirling deserves mention.

This week "That Girl from Texas" is on the boards and well filled houses are finding this attractive comedy a satisfactory means of spending an evening. Miss Felton plays the title role with her usual ability, her talents being particularly suited to the part of the little Western girl. She manages the vernacular of the plains very prettily. The rest of the company gave excellent support. Mr. Guy Hittner as Hiram Corson, Mr. Charles Ayers as Shane Melroe, being particularly good. "That Girl from Texas" is billed for the week of the audience. Yur is then handcuffed, placed in the tank of water and the lid fastened down. To make the fastenings convincingly secure six locks are used, all locked by men from the audience. A curtain is then placed around the tank and in about two minutes Yur appears before the audience again free of her handcuffs and having escaped from the tank.

A sketch by Grant Churchill and Co. also is worth seeing and Joseph St. Clair who plays the harp blindfolded and with a cloth over the strings, is especially fine. The bill on the whole is a good one, and Manager Kyle promises an equally good list of attractions for next week.

Home and Society.

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from the Fort, both strikingly fine looking. Mrs. Cuthbert wearing such a quiet but effective grey tailored gown with a jaunty black and white walking hat, her daughter beautifully frocked in brown; Mrs. James Smith in a stunning toilette; Mrs. Mackie a full and attractive young matron in deepest black; Mrs. Jamieson of Strathcona noticeably elegant in a modish empire gown of taupe grey, with an embroidered silk panel and pipings of black and white; and a most becoming black and white hat; Mrs. Joseph Morris in a striking brown costume with handsome furs. In the tea-room, a vision of cheeriness with quantities of crimson carnations and candle shades of the same effect in color, the central vase of bloom resting on an exquisite lace center-piece. Mrs. Beck and Mrs. Swainland served the tea and coffee and Mrs. Branton the ices while a bevy of pretty girls, Miss Violet Wilson, Miss Babbitt, Miss Bessie Scott, Miss Connie Rhodes, Misses Dorothy and Alice Gifford, Miss Eleanor Taylor, Miss Pilot, and Miss Swoden assisted, while two bonny wee girls, Gladys Kirkpatrick and Dorothy Macdonald, wearing dainty white frocks directed the guests to the dressing rooms.

This afternoon (I write on Thursday) all roads would seem to have



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led flat-wards, where at three o'clock, accompanied by a dashing military escort from Strathcona, the Lieutenant-Governor officially declared the fourth session of the first Parliament of Alberta formally opened.

Strictly speaking this official act sets more than the law-making ball rolling, for in the wake of the law-makers come the law maker's wives, and with these swell the social vanguard at the Capitol, Miladi Edmonton fees on her mottle to show what claims she has to being the social arbiter of so fair a Province as Alberta.

Each year I notice Her Ladyship getting a firmer grip of herself. Quite frankly out with me mature early, we are observant. The ease and savoir faire with which to-day's proceedings passed off confirms this. It is an old saying that no lady is ever in a hurry; no one, the book of etiquette, assures us, with any claim to good breeding is ever rushed, which if it be true puts our official representatives in the first rank for promptly at three o'clock His Honor in all the glory of his Windsor uniform, accompanied by his aide, Capt. Worsley, Colonel Belcher and Major Jamieson, the party of ladies from Government House and the escort from Strathcona drew up before the Parliament buildings, and taking only a moment to remove their wraps entered the House. Already every seat was occupied and even standing room was at a premium. Lovely frocks and stunning women were sandwiched in between farmers from the country and towns men in plain business-like suits.

Space forbids that I should mention more than those on the floor of the House, among whom indeed were handsome enough figures to grace any court. Mrs. Bulyea was looking positively regal, her gown being of amethyst chiffon velvet made on modified Directoire lines. The skirt had the long buttoned effect—the buttons being of the same rich velvet hue, while the bodice was ornamented with exquisite jewelled applique and silver and gold insertion, knots of silver cord and great cluster knots of the velvet itself. Caught at the left side was a directoire sash ending in silk and ball amethyst fringe, while the yoke was of amethyst melon over white.

With this was worn a dashing white satin picture hat with black amethyst velvet, some sweeping white plumes and a handsome gold and aqua buckle. As Mrs. Bulyea entered the House she wore, as did all the other official set, a carriage cloak, hers being of oyster broadcloth, set with a high ermine collar. Never have I seen the mistress of Government House in a gown more suited to her own graceful style, and indeed such was the unanimous verdict of all present.

Accompanying Mrs. Bulyea was Mrs. Sifton in a modish empire toilette of Copenhagen blue rajah silk, heavily fringed in the same becoming shade, and trimmed with quantities of lovely lace. In addition to the costume there was a coat of blue, and a stunning picture hat made of the same and ostrich feathers. Mrs. Sifton's furs were ermine and her carriage cloak of taupe broadcloth with rare oriental embroidery.

Mrs. Constantine was in a beautiful French navy blue broad cloth tailor made, trimmed with wide, folded black satin bands and some exquisite hand-embroidered forget-me-nots touched with gold on a white foundation. Her hat was of grey chiffon velvet with a great clou and cluster of ostrich feathers a little to one side, and her cloak a very handsome one of grey broadcloth with white soutache and raised white embroidered satin ornamentation and a white Thibet collar.

Mrs. Babbitt was in crimson, so becoming to her brunette type, the skirt and waist being trimmed with folds of black satin, and the yoke and sleeves of cream point d'esprit. Her headpiece was of cream satin with ostrich feathers and a gilt and rhine-stone Dennis.

Mrs. Clarke Dennis, who is also a guest at Government House, wore a most effective costume, the gown being of palest rajah silk, braided in soutache, with some heavy ivory lace, and amethyst and diamond buttons. Her hat was particularly stunning, being all in black and white tones, and a carriage cloak of ivory broadcloth trimmed with

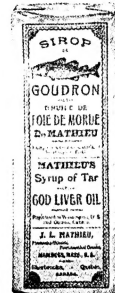
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Miss Babbitt had on a lovely frock of cowslip yellow Liberty satin, a la Directoire, trimmed with the customary host of buttons and some rich ridedecent sequin passementerie, with a rhinestone clasp, the long sash.

Mrs. Sifton had on an elegant creation of the most exquisite Irish lace over white Liberty satin, made empire fashion and finished with real ball fringe and some handsome diamond buttons.

Everyone was warmly assuring her of their delight at seeing her able to be out again after her long illness, as well as Mrs. Constantine who is north now for the first time since her own husband's removal to Maple Creek.

Mrs. Constantine, whose pretty white hair and animated dark eyes make her a noticeable figure anywhere, was wearing a beautiful gown of hellebore satin with an over-dress of lovely Renaissance lace and caught with a long sash of soft white muslin.

Mrs. Clarke, Dennis, a winsome young matron with a pretty attractive manner, was charmingly frocked, wearing a particularly fetching French Directoire gown of white meline with pink hand-painted roses on a foundation of Liberty satin.

Soft folds of pink silk, silver passementerie and a beautiful fringe of silver tassels completed this lovely costume, with which diamond and pearl ornaments were worn.

Unfortunately Mrs. Rutherford's delicate health made it impossible for her to venture out in such severe weather, so she was unavoidably absent from the reception.

The decorations in the supper room were peculiarly appropriate, being in the National colors, red, white and blue, with flags meeting eyes in every direction, while the table had long, bed, white and blue satin streamers running in a straight line down the centre. Here and there dotted the polished mahogany were Union Jack centiles, and from a clump of white azaleas in the centre floated a miniature silken Union Jack.

Upstairs the floral decorations were white azaleas and hyacinths, while His Honor's study was kept in quiet green tones, ferns and green shrubs furnishing the only attempt at ornamentation.

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Yours faithfully,
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I have been obliged, for lack of space, to hold over the account of the Curling match on Wednesday, when mixed rinks had a most interesting afternoon's play. Next week shall go more fully into particulars.

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Athletics

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Already the flurry of their arrival is making itself felt. Town hostesses are arranging teas and little dinners. Government House is once more throwing open its doors for a round of entertainments. In short "the season" is upon us. All this means of course that one will have less time than ever for home duties. That clothes in which to appear at various functions will have to become once more an all-engaging problem, and that for the next two months people will go a-cuddling more than ever, and those who don't hold that the Capitol has anything to be excited about in the very least, will gain a little bit of sarcasm about a storm in a tea-cup.

But indeed it is only a question of degree this social whirl away. In the London season of course there be theatres and grand balls and receptions galore; the King does this, His Nibs does that; but good grief what are they after all but muffled struggles, and accessories on which to display one's daintiest frills and furbelows. A King as a novelty might please me nightly, but I misdoubt me, if as a steady diet, he would prove more amusing than plain Bill Jones.

Her Grace, the Duchess of Ss and So, may give a "crush" at which all the notabilities on earth "looked in," but at that Her Graceship can't crowd in more than a standing-room number, we do as much here, friends at that to host who are a whole genuinely interested in each other, so, as I said before, it's only a question of degree; the season in Edmonton, has every right to throw us in a flutter as much as the more ambitious one in the great metropolitan centre.

Prior to her departure for the Okanagan on Thursday last, Mrs. Arthur Mowat had a few friends at the Yale for luncheon, the guests of the occasion being: Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Sloccock, Mrs. Percy Hardisty, Mrs. Spratt, Mrs. Hourchier, and Mrs. Calderon.

Mr. Emery is away in Ontario for a visit.

Mrs. Spratt was the hostess of a jolly little bridge on Thursday evening last, the guests being confined to the members of the younger set, Miss Violet Wilson and Mr. Nash being the fortunate prize-winners.

Hardly a week of late but there has been one or more engagements to announce, so that unless the supply of untied young girls is soon augmented, this will be no place for a man with matrimonial intentions to hang up his hat in.

During the past week a rather amusing mistake occurred in the hurry of one bright young matron to impart the very latest match "to be arranged." It was a small matter to be sure, merely the substitution of a certain man's name for the groom-to-be, but when the error was discovered there was a deal of agitated telephoning I can tell you, at the end of which the woman referred to was a little short of a week, lost in the excitement of the moment some nervous friend had congratulated the wrong man, on her authority. It was only the difference of one pair of sad, dark dreamy eyes for another, but "Ain't it funny" what a difference two pairs of eyes can make?

The Skating Club has grown to be the raison d'être of not a few of the jolliest parties of the season, it being the popular whim of the moment to first go skating--then to one of the Club member's residences for a bite of supper and a dance.

The informality of the whole affair is not its least charm, while in the matter of causing less fuss and worry over "not having anything fit to wear" it has the formal party beaten to a standstill.

On Monday Mrs. Griesbach had a young people's dance after the Club, about thirty being present, when a very merry time was spent. Mrs. Joseph Morris was another hostess, her "party" being formed at the risk on the spur of the moment.

On Thursday afternoon the local Council of Women held their first annual meeting in the auditorium of the Y.M.C.A., when a report of the first year's work was presented, and officers elected for the ensuing year.

The president, Mrs. Saunders, being absent in Europe, Mrs. Ferris occupied the chair, and gave an interesting resume of the work

accomplished up to the present. Perhaps most noteworthy was the foundation of the Creche, an object which the new president, Mrs. Cautley, has had very near her heart, and which I think all will agree she was primarily instrumental in bringing about.

Already is this "baby" organization a flourishing youngster among the Capitol's worthy institutions, and even at that it does not yet appear, what it is almost bound in time to become.

In connection with the Creche it has been decided to open a free employment agency for women who work by the day. To this end a telephone is being installed, and the agency will be open to employers and women anxious to secure work.

Other reports were presented by Mrs. Arthur Murphy, who is convener of the Standing Committee on Laws, that on Public Health by Dr. Ella Sygne, and the secretary, Mrs. Curry; secretary, Miss Katherine Hughes. Also the following committees were formed: Standing Committee on Public Health, Dr. Ella Sygne (convener), Mrs. Cautley, Mrs. Desjardis, Mrs. Branton, Dr. Head-Patrick, Standing Committee on Laws for the Better Protection of Women and Children, Mrs. Arthur Murphy (convener), Mrs. Cautley, Mrs. Ferris, Mrs. Barnes, and Mrs. Riddell. A committee was afterwards appointed to arrange for a free employment agency for women wanting work by the day, the agency to be conducted by the matron in charge of the Creche. The committee included Mrs. Hyndman (convener), Mrs. Crafts, Miss Alice McDougall, and Miss Katherine Hughes.

The election of officers for the current year resulted in the following ladies being returned: Honorary President, Mrs. Buleva; president, Mrs. Cautley; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Arthur Murphy; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. W. D. Ferris; treasurer, Mrs. Curry; secretary, Miss Katherine Hughes. Also the following committees were formed: Standing Committee on Public Health, Dr. Ella Sygne (convener), Mrs. Cautley, Mrs. Desjardis, Mrs. Branton, Dr. Head-Patrick, Standing Committee on Laws for the Better Protection of Women and Children, Mrs. Arthur Murphy (convener), Mrs. Cautley, Mrs. Ferris, Mrs. Barnes, and Mrs. Riddell. A committee was afterwards appointed to arrange for a free employment agency for women wanting work by the day, the agency to be conducted by the matron in charge of the Creche. The committee included Mrs. Hyndman (convener), Mrs. Crafts, Miss Alice McDougall, and Miss Katherine Hughes.

The engagement is announced of Miss Mary Gray of Ottawa, but more recently of Calgary, to Mr. Herman McBurn of Calgary, the marriage to take place in the Dominion Capitol almost immediately.

Miss Gray will be remembered in Edmonton as having visited Mrs. Jack Anderson about a year ago, when she made a great many friends for herself, all of whom will join in wishing her all happiness. While not exactly the type of face one describes as pretty the bride-to-be is a

decidedly clever, striking looking girl and should be quite an addition to Calgary's young matronhood.

A few weeks ago I promised to quote a little "excerpt from a letter received from Mrs. John Somerville from Santa Barbara, Cal., describing a beautiful drive she had taken down to the suburb of Montecito and desiring to be quite sure that I shouldn't mistake the letter. I eagerly proceeded to find it from myself. I succeeded beyond my wildest dreams having only just recovered it after many weeks search. However, it is as good today as the time at which it was written, the end of November.

After describing breakfast, and I please you out on the verandah in the sunshine, underneath a blossoming rose bush, with orange and lemon trees all around them at which time it was peculiarly cold here--the account of the drive runs on:

"One can scarcely believe that it is not old world conditions one sees here. Such hedges, such lawns and fifty guests. Such selfish seclusion too in some places, although others are open for the outside world to enjoy."

"We drove into a large property which the driver for a party just ahead said was an 'Evelyn Valley.' It was over-powering in its extent and magnificence, but not nearly so lovely as a cluster of bungalows called Miramar, where everything was as clean and fresh as if it had been scrubbed on the knees, and each dear little house looked fit only for honeymooning days."

Those of you who know Mrs. Somerville well, and remember her gift of what I can only call the "seeing eyes," can appreciate how very charming her letters are, describing what must be from all accounts, a very beautiful part of lovely California.

The Willing Workers of All Saints' Church intend holding a carnival in the Thistle Ring on Friday, January 20th. Further particulars will be given next week.

Very many Edmonton friends will be interested in the following from the Star-Mirror, Moscow, Idaho, of Dec. 31, and will join in extending the heartiest of good wishes to this most popular Edmonton young man and his bride:

"On Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of her parents, Miss Rosa Alberta Forney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Forney, of this city, was united in marriage to Mr. Wilfred G. Harrison of Edmonton, Alberta, in the presence of about

"The house was beautifully decorated with Xmas greens, one end of the long living room, where the ceremony was performed, being turned into a solid bower. The house was lighted entirely by candles, which, with pink carnations, added much to the decorations of the lovely place. Mendelssohn's wedding march was played by Prof. Cogswell, during the last measures of which the groom entered, accompanied by the best man, Mr. Earl David, of this city and preceded by Miss Clara

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Morris of Lewiston, who removed the ribbon to make way for the wedding party. The bride followed on the arm of her father, gown in rose colored broadcloth, wearing a black picture hat and carrying a bouquet of lilies of the valley. The beautiful Episcopalian ring service was performed by Rev. W. S. Morley, the Swan Song being rendered during the ceremony. Immediately after the informal reception, which followed, a breakfast of several courses was served. In the midst of congratulations and the farewells of their many friends, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison left by the 12:40 train for Spokane. Miss Forney has lived in Moscow since childhood, is highly accomplished and she had endeared herself to the hearts of many friends who will miss her.

Mr. Harrison, who is now a barrister at Edmonton, spent a couple of years in Moscow and made a place for himself by his sterling qualities and many bearing with all who know him. Heartly congratulations of young and old go with Mr. and Mrs. Harrison.

The first annual ball of the St. George's Society which took place on Friday evening, January 14th in the Separate School theatre, was quite one of the best arranged and most enjoyable dances that has occurred at the Capital in many moons.

It was deservedly a fine success for many reasons. The floor was excellent, the music of that particularly happy nature that has so aptly described as "dancery," there was just sufficient of a crowd to make the hall look hospitably full, and last but not least, at least to those of a practical turn of mind, the supper arrangements could hardly have been bettered, and the supper itself scarcely improved on. To this add any number of pretty

partners and a corresponding complement of stalwarts, and you have to your hand the makings of a successful dance the world over.

The decorations I name last, for while the gay flags of Merrie England were here, there and everywhere, adding their touch of brightness and gaiety to the pretty scene, while there were cosy corners; as cosy as the name implies, it seems to me that a "dancery" dance, should lay stress on these last of all.

Supper was on from ten-thirty to three o'clock, an excellent idea, and was served a la buffet in one of the lower class rooms at little tables seating four. So much appreciated was this arrangement as compared to the groat of long boards usually substituted that other dance committees might well take the hint, and do likewise. Owing to the sudden illness of the caterers at first arranged for, Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain, the former of whom is a member of the Society, on short notice undertook to provide it, and as I said before with as great a success it would seem, a pity if they couldn't undertake to furnish the same at all the Club dances.

Richardson's orchestra, supplied the music, and played better than I have yet heard them.

All in all those who had charge of the first annual ball of this flourishing society, should justly feel that they emerge from the ordeal covered with glory, while to Dr. Mulvey, the energetic secretary, a great deal of the credit must necessarily be awarded.

A few of those I noticed at the dance on Friday were: Mrs. H. H. Richards in an elegant gown of white satin with diamonds and rich lace ornamentation; Mrs. Lister in a picturesque frock of palest blue crepe de chine, with broad silk and pink rose garniture, pearl ornaments

and a pearl bandeau in her charmingly arranged coiffure; Mrs. Robert Mays in a pretty frilly white organdie gown with Val lace and insertion; a knot of red velvet in her hair; Mrs. J. I. Mills in a handsome white lace robe over palest pink, some floral embroidery adorning both skirt and bodice; Mrs. Howwood looking very sweet and graceful in a clinging frock of white silk crepe de chine over tulle; Mrs. Morris in a rich robe of black net and silver sequin over coral silk, with which were worn some lovely coral ornaments; Mrs. Williamson Taylor in a becoming frock of black silk grenadine; Mrs. Hislop in pale yellow satin looking very attractive; Mrs. Griesbach in dainty mauve figured velvet; Mrs. Bonillon in a striking empire lace robe over pink tulle; Mrs. Waugh, an acknowledged belle, radiantly lovely in a silver sequined and black net toilette over white tulle; Mrs. Chamberlain in a handsome black sequin gown.

Mrs. York beamingly frocked in a rich black costume; Mrs. Henderson, always one of the most striking women in a ball room, looking very handsome in blue silk cologne with lovely real lace garniture; Miss Forsythe in a really lovely black lace frock with a wreath of simla in her hair; Miss Barker a picture of fresh young beauty in pale pink; Miss Annie Rhodes exceedingly handsome in pale pink crepe de chine with deep lace on the décolleté; Miss Seton Thompson in a fascinating white lace robe with folds of rich white satin; Miss Butcher, as always a popular partner, in black crepe de chine; Miss Jessie Belcher in a charming frock of palest pink mull; Miss York in a stunning blue satin gown made after a Directoire model, with deep cream silk lace garniture, and Miss Perkins in blue satin made en princesse.

The members of the committee who had the affair in charge were: Messrs A. W. Challand, H. E. Soper, H. Stuchbury, V. C. Mulvey, E. Chamberlain, W. B. Thomas, Harold Brunton, and F. A. Whitley. The M.C.'s were Dr. Mulvey and Messrs Soper and Thomas.

Mrs. Donald W. Macdonald was the hostess of a large and very smart "tea" on Tuesday. On that chilly but sunny afternoon "Glencoe" was a delightful rendezvous, and scores of friends dropped in, had a chat over the tea-cups, a word with some of the visitors who have drifted to the Capital for the session, and reluctantly were away again to finish a round of calls.

All over the rooms were flowers, great vases of pink carnations, ferns and other blooms, the drawing room being a veritable bower of fragrance and beauty. Mrs. Donald Macdonald, assisted by her husband's mother, Mrs. Macdonald, received at the entrance, the hostess looking very chic in a gown of soft grey silk voile, piped with pale green tulle and lavishly ornamented with panels of pretty, deep cream embroidery.

Mrs. Macdonald wore rich black silk with rare Maltese lace garniture and seconded her daughter's happy word of greeting in her own cordial, unaffected way.

In the tea-room one ran across any number of prominent people, and everyone seemed wearing her best and daintiest chiffons. Among others I noticed: Mrs. Charles Fisher, in a elegant colored tailor made with hat to correspond, who brought her sister Miss Powell, the latter smartly accented in navy blue with hat to match and handsome white furs; Mrs. Culbert and her daughter

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